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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Thomas Munson, Senior Reclamation 
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RE: Site Inspection, Aragonite, Star Stone , M045/031, Tooele County, Utah

Date of Inspection: June 12, 2003

Time of Inspection: 8:15-9:15 a.m.

Conditions: Sunny

Participants: Doug Jensen, Tom Munson, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To confirm the placement of Safety Devices and Hazard warning signs.

Getting to the site: Take the Aragonite Exit off I-80 and travels south several miles until you get to the Hazardous Waste Incinerator where one turns East on a dirt road which leads to the mine.

Observations:

The following observations were made while at the mine, corresponding to the requirements spelled out in an April 7, 2003 letter.

- 1.) A new cover was welded onto the mine shaft, as requested, preventing access.
- 2.) The road leading to the Glory Hole on the upper portion of the mine workings was breached and bermed making it impossible to access this Glory Hole site by vehicle or foot from the south side.
- 3.) Danger, Keep Out, signs were posted at four locations along with barb wire fence at two locations to prevent access to the Glory Hole on the north side of then pit.

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Star Stone Quarries, Aragonite Mine

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Conclusions and Recommendations:

No mining has occurred at the site since our last inspection. The requirements of the April 7, 2003 letter, spelled out clearly that the site would need to be permitted as a LMO or be reclaimed below five acres. No reclamation had occurred, so this requirement still stands. It was also decided that the site needs a quarterly inspection to potentially replace stolen signage or make sure all safety measures still are found on-site and in their proper places. In a letter received on June 3, 2003 from the operator, it was apparent that Star Stone felt quarterly inspections were too often and annual inspections were enough. Had access to the site been more restricted, the Division might have entertained such a request, but due to the hazards and ease of access, quarterly inspections are still required to make sure signage and fencing is maintained.

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